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A STATEMENT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES,

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR

1849-50.

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ACCOUNTS AND EXPENDITURES.

ALMS HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Jeremiah Abbott's Bill.

1849, Feb.	19,	1 Bag Rye Meal,		$1,80

J. H. Moore & Co.'s Bill.

Feb.	19,	12 Bushels Northern Corn, 75,		$9,00

John Haselton's Bill.

1848, May,		1 Cask Plaster,	2,75	
		Freight on 1 barrel Pork from Plaistow,	,50	
		Paid frieght on 1 bbl Pork to "	,39	
				$3,64

Abel G. Quigg's Bill

1849, April	17,	2 Bushels Corn,		$2,00

Robert Shirley's Bill.

March	2,	17 lbs. Veal, 6½	1,10	
June	2,	18 " " 5	,90	
Aug.	20,	11½ " Beef, 4½	,52	
Sept.	17,	10 " " 2½	,25	
				$2,77

Jacob Chase's Bill.

June	18,	2 Bushels Potatoes, 50		$1,00

Persis Bell's Bill.

May,		8½ Bushels Potatoes, 50		$4,25

Henry F. Chase's Bill.

June	12,	4 Bushels Potatoes, 45	1,80	
Oct.	30,	2 gallons Vinegar,	,33	
				$2,13

Bell & Learnard's Bill.

April	17,	6 lbs. Tallow,	,60	
May	8,	Head, Pluck and Veal,	,49	
	23,	14½lbs Veal 4	,58	
	29,	14 " Veal and 2 Rennets,	,76	
July	10,	16 " Beef, 6	,96	
		24 " Beef 3½	,84	
	24,	9½ " Beef 6	,57	
Aug	6,	16 " Beef,	1,00	
		1 Rennet,	,10	
	13,	20 " Beef 5	1,00	
	22,	15 " Tallow 9	1,35	
	27,	14 " Beef 3	,42	
Sept.	10,	Beef	,67	
	25,	12 " Beef 5	,60	
Oct.	22,	8 " Beef 6¼	,50	
	30,	12 " Beef 3	,36	
Nov.	13,	40 " Beef	1,75	
				$12,55

Doct. Jacob P. Whittemore's Bill.

1849. Feb.	14,	Visit and Medicine, Peter Rowe,	,75	
	15,	Visit and Medicine, J. Griffin,	,50	
	25,	Visit and Medicine, Peter Rowe,	,75	
	27,	" " " "	,75	
April	23,	Ext. tooth N. Lane,	,17	
May	1,	Visit and Medicine, D. Norton,	,50	
	2,	" " " "	,50	
	2,	" " " M. Richardson,	,50	
	3,	" " " D. Norton,	,50	
	3,	" " " M. Richardson,	,50	
	5,	" " " D. Norton,	,50	
	7,	" " " "	,50	
	8,	" " " "	,50	
	12,	" " " "	,50	
	13,	" " " "	,50	
	14,	" " " "	,50	
	16,	" " " "	,50	
July	27,	Bug Poison,	,50	
	20,	Medicine, D. Norton,	,25	
	30,	Ext. tooth, N. Lane,	,17	
Aug.	18,	" " " "	,17	
Nov.	29,	Vaccinating 4 Paupers,	1,00	
				$11,51

Stephen Dearborn's Bill.

1849, Dec. 31, 1 Beef Cow, $21,00

Amos Stevens' Bill.

1849, Apr, 24, 1 bbl Cider, $2,00

Dudley C. Swain's Bill.

1849, Sept. 20, Lot Wood, $16,00

Porter & Heath's Bill.

1850, Feb. 22, Lot of Down Wood, $10,00

Doct. Jacob P. Whittemore's Bill.

1849, March	10,	Visit and Medicine, S. Fifield,	,50	
	24,	" " " " "	,50	
				$1,00

John S. Emery's Bill.

1849, April	30,	To Mending Harness,	,13	
		" Shoes for N. Lane,	,30	
				,43

Moses Webster's Bill.

1849, June	18,	4 galons Vinegar,	,50	
Aug.	11,	4 " "	,50	
		Use of Winnowing-mill,	,25	
				$1,25

Benjamin F. Morse's Bill.

1849, Use of Bull for 3 Cows, ,75

James M. Kent's Bill.

1849, March	1,	Bail for bucket, and mending whiffletree,	,28
	22,	Sharpening Bar and mending Chain,	,19
	24,	Shoeing Horse,	,50
Apr.	11,	Mending Whiffletree,	,17
	29,	Shoeing Horse,	,40
June	18,	Shoeing Horse,	,50

		Shoeing Oxen,	,75	
	19,	1 Gig Wagon (for Farwell,)	3,00	
	22,	Steelpointing Plow,	,50	
July	31,	Shoeing Horse,	,25	
Aug.	11,	Shoeing oxen,	,63	
	20,	Shoeing Horse,	,50	
		Repairing Wagon,	,14	
Sept.	24,	1 Ox Shoe,	,12	
Nov.	14,	Shoeing Horse,	,70	
		Shoeing Oxen,	,38	
		Wedges for Axe Handles,	,06	
	28,	Shoeing Oxen,	1,58	
	30,	24 lbs Steel,	1,92	
		Shoeing and repairing Sleigh,	1,50	
Dec.	7,	2 Whiffletree Hooks,	,34	
	10,	Shoeing Horse,	,40	
1850, Jan.	13,	Shoeing Horse,	,42	
Feb.	7,	Setting 1 ox shoe,	,06	
			——	$15,29
		Peter Haselton's Bill.		
		Mending Thorough Brace,	,40	
1849, May,		1 Hame strap,	,12	
			——	,52
		William Haselton's Bill.		
1849, Aug.	13,	35 lbs Mutton,		$1,80
		George S. Underhill's Bill.		
1849, July	3,	3 Pigs,		$5,25
		William Greenough's Bill.		
1849, Jan.	8,	120 Biscuit,	,50	
	13,	10 lbs Rice,	,50	
		1 Bed Cord,	,25	
Feb.	27,	100 lbs Cod Fish,	3,50	
		31¼ yds. Sheeting,	2,35	
		1 Brown Chamber,	,13	
March	29,	1 lb Y. H. Tea,	,50	
May	19,	14 lbs Sugar,	1,00	
		20 lbs Mackerel,	,80	
		1 Pail,	,22	
	23,	1 lb Y. H. Tea,	,50	
	25,	½ lb Powder,	,13	
June	16,	100 lbs Cod Fish,	3,50	
		25 lbs Mackerel,	1,00	
		2 lbs Batting,	,20	
	25,	10 lbs Rice,	,50	
		5½ lbs Coffee,	,50	
		1 lb Y. H. Tea,	,50	
July	30,	6 lbs Sugar,	,42	
		6 lbs Tobacco,	,75	
		1 lb Starch,	,13	
		2 lbs Candles,	,28	
Sept.	22,	15¾ lbs Pork,	1,74	
		1 lb Logwood,	,05	
		2 lbs Y. H. Tea,	,88	
Oct.	13,	6 lbs Tobacco,	,75	

	2 lbs Candles,	,28	
	2 Balls Wicking,	,10	
			$21,96

Alfred S. Dearborn's Bill.

1850, Feb.	16, Paid School Tax on town farm,		$1,43

Benjamin Fitz, Jr.'s Bill.

1849, March	3, Service of notice on Kingston about Fifield family,		$3,25

Thomas J. Melvin's Bill.

1849, March	13, ½ quire Paper,	,10	
April	9, 8 papers Seed,	,40	
May	5, 4 Cakes Soap,	,20	
	½ lb. Nitre,	,06	
	29, 1 bush. Salt,	,58	
	2 bags Fine Salt,	,50	
June	27, 14 lbs. Sugar,	1,00	
July	9, 3 papers Seed,	,15	
	3 Rakes,	,45	
	13½ lbs. Mackerel,	,54	
	16, 115 lbs Biscuit,	,50	
Aug.	11, 1 Broom,	,25	
	16, 8 yds. Print. (for Dolly Gross,)	,88	
	4 lbs. Nails,	,20	
	1 gall. Oil,	,75	
	4 lbs. Sugar,	,25	
Sept.	1, 2 bush. Salt,	1,17	
	15, ¼ lb. Tea,	,15	
Oct.	19, 1 bag Salt,	,25	
Nov.	13, 1 bbl. Flour,	6,75	
	5 lbs. Coffee,	,50	
	24, 1 bush. Salt,	,58	
	1 lb. Pepper,	,17	
	1 bottle Castor Oil,	,13	
	26, 2 lbs. Candles,	25	
	½ lb. Tobacco,	,13	
	29, 30 yds Sheeting,	2,40	
Dec.	5, 2 galls Molasses,	,60	
	28, 1 lb. Nails,	,05	
	½ lb. Tobacco,	,13	
1850, Jan.	14, 4 lbs. Tobacco,	,67	
	4 cakes Soap,	,16	
	24, 6 yds. Sheeting,	,48	
	4 skeins Cotton,	,02	
1849, April	11, sawing lot of Lumber,	1,50	
June	30, " 4.50 ft. Oak do.	1,80	
	" 335 ft. Pine do.	,83	
			$25,53

Alfred S. Dearborn's Bill.

1849, April	2, 3 lbs. Coffee,	,25	
	¼ bush. Barley,	,25	
	7, 1 " Corn,	1,00	
	½ " Rye,	,58	
	4 " Corn,	3,00	
	2 " Rye,	1,75	
	4 lbs. Tea,	1,33	

	2 " Corn,	1,50	
	21, 1 bbl. Flour,	6,00	
	50 lbs. Fish,	1,50	
	5 " Sugar,	,40	
	7 " Salaeratus,	,56	
	7 " Tobacco,	,88	
	11 " Coffee,	,94	
	25 galls. Molasses,	7,00	
	4 bush. round Corn,	3,80	
	2 " yellow flat Corn,	1,70	
	6 " Oats,	3,00	
May,	½ gall. Alcohol,	,50	
	½ bush. seed Corn,	,75	
	26, 10 Shad,	1,00	
June	10, 10 bush Corn,	8,50	
July,	2 " Corn,	1,70	
Aug.	2, 10 " Corn Meal,	8,50	
	2 " Rye Meal,	2,00	
Sept.	2, 6 " white Corn,	4,80	
	2 " yellow Corn,	1,70	
			$64,89

John W. Noyes' Bill.

1849 Feb. 20,	1 bbl. Flour,	6,75	
	4 lbs. Coffee,	,30	
26,	4 galls. Molasses,	1,20	
	2 lbs. Bl'k. Tea,	,67	
	¼ " Y. H. Tea,	,25	
Mar. 17,	2 " Coffee,	,18	
	3 " Tobacco,	,50	
	¼ gross Matches,	,17	
23,	1 qt. Camphor,	,34	
	20 lbs. Rice,	1,00	
	½ " ground Pepper,	,08	
	1 " Sugar,	,14	
24,	4 galls. Molasses,	1,12	
	100 Crackers,	,42	
29,	½ doz. Plates,	,25	
	2 Tumblers,	,12	
Apr. 6,	3 lbs. Sugar,	,19	
27,	1 Broom,	,25	
	1 Cream Pot,	,12	
	½ lb Chocolate,	,10	
30,	⅝ bush. H. G. Seed,	2,50	
	16 lbs. Clover Seed, 10 cts. per lb.,	1,60	
	1 bush. Red top Seed,	1,00	
	6 Bowls,	,60	
	1 oz. Jaun. Bitters,	,12	
May 12,	1 Bucket,	,25	
	1 oz. Snake Root,	,06	
	½ lb. Sulpher,	,06	
	1 qt. Camphor,	,34	
	1½ bush. Oats,	,75	
	1 Bottle Caster Oil,	,20	
21,	8 yds. Denims,	1,00	
June 2,	3 lbs. Nails,	,15	
6,	1 bbl. Flour,	6,25	

	8,	1 Scythe rifle,	,05
	11,	1 qt. Camphor,	,34
	18,	½ quire Paper,	,10
		1 Bottle Ink,	,06
		2 Clothes Lines,	,24
	29,	20¼ lbs. Mackerel,	,71
July,	7,	1 C. S. Scythe,	1,00
	12,	1 lb. Ginger,	,12
		2 " Bl'k Tea,	,67
		1 Paper Tacks,	,08
	17,	3 yds. Cloth, (for Mr. Berry)	,38
		1 bbl. Mackerel,	5,50
		1 " Flour,	6,50
		1 lb. Tobacco,	,25
	23,	10 " Rice,	,50
		5½ " Coffee,	,50
		1 " Y. H. Tea,	,50
Aug.	16,	2 bushels Corn,	1,70
		1 Molasses hhd.,	,24
		3 lbs. Rosin,	,09
Sept.	5,	11 " Coffee,	1,00
		1 " Y. H. Tea,	,50
		1 oz. Indigo,	,10
		¼ gross Matches,	,17
		1 bbl. Flour,	6,75
	11,	2 lbs. Candles,	,25
		5 " Cotton Yarn,	1,25
		1 Skein Cotton Twine,	,06
	24,	2 lbs. Y. H. Tea,	1,00
		100 " Cod Fish,	3,25
		3 " Stove Funnel,	,37
		1 bush. Salt,	,50
		3 Skeins Cotton Yarn,	,09
Oct.	17,	2 bush. Meal,	1,75
		14 Lights Glass & 5 lbs. Putty,	,82
Dec.	7,	2 bush. Rye Meal,	2,00
	25,	2 lbs. Candles,	,25
1850 Feb.	2,	1 oz. Thread,	,10
			$68,78

Moses G. Underhill's Bill.

1849, March	1,	Paid Hazen R. Underhill for repairing two axes,	1,00
May,	17,	" Gorham Hall for 6 days work,	2,00
July,	28,	" Robert Brown for 5 days work at Haying,	5,00
	10,	" Stephen Smith for Oiling & Carding 16 lbs. Rolls, 6 cts. per lb.,	,96
June,	14,	" Samuel Cowdry for 1 days work,	,50
		" " " " 4½ " " hoeing,	2,25
		" " " " 5 " " "	2,50
	19,	" " " " 1 bush. Potatoes,	,50
Aug. to Oct.		" " " " 10 day's work,	5,00
July & Aug.		" " " " 16 " " haying	16,00

1849 July,	23,	"	Moses Hall	" 5½ "	" haying, 5,50
March,	23,	"	"	" "	2 Coffins for Rowe and Griffin, 5,00
	16,	"	Moses Hall for	1 Coffin for Fifield,	2,50
		"	"	" " 1 "	" M. Richardson, 2,50
May,	7,	"	"	" "	½ bush. Lime, ,50
		"	"	" "	1 day's work whitewashing, 1,00
	8,	"	"	" "	Repairing Oven, ,30
1850 Feb.	20,	"	David Currier balance on act.,		,67
			Myself and wife's services from Apr. 1, 1849, to Apr. 1, 1850,		165,00
					——$218,68

Contra Cr.

1849 Apr.	11,	By	Cash of Bell & Learnard for Calf,		4,00
	30,	"	"	" " "	3,33
July	11,	"	"	" " "	3,35
		"	"	Perley C. Ingalls " Lambs,	9,50
Sept,	22,	"	"	Samuel Bell " labor,	5,00
1850 Feb.	15,	"	"	Dudley C. Swain, bal. act.,	2,50
		"	"	William Shirley, " "	5,39
		"	"	Henry West " "	2,13
		"	"	Perley C. Ingalls, for labor,	,75
		"	"	Mrs. Isaac Morse " Jewelry,	,25
		"	"	John Gross for boarding mother,	15,95
		"	"	Town of Kingston for boarding Fifields,	137,83
		"	"	Town of Auburn for boarding Paupers,	181,71
		"	"	County of Rockingham,	24,25
		"	"	Town Treasurer to balance,	134.52
					$530,46

There is due the town of Chester from the County of Rockingham for the support of Henry Farewell from March 19, to June 19, thirteen dollars; which when paid will make the net expenses of the Town farm establishment $121,52. Average number of paupers at the Alms-house, during the year 11½. Present number 11, 3 belonging to Auburn.

The stock on the farm consists of : 1 Horse, 1 yoke Oxen, 4 Cows, 5 Sheep, 3 Swine, and Hay sufficient to keep the stock till pasturing.—Provisions : 33½ lbs. Lard, 44 lbs. Butter, 37 lbs. dried Apples, 30 lbs. Fish, 1 bbl. Beef, ¾ bbl. clear Pork, 80 bush. Potatoes, 4 bush. Turnips, 2½ bush. white Beans and 2 bush. colored Beans.

Remark. On examination it will readily be seen that the Town Farm Establishment has the past year supported itself or paid all its bills except $134,52, which has been drawn from the Treasury. Therefore (receiving nothing for use of the farm, stock, tools, &c.,) dividing the nett expenses by the average number of paupers, (11½) it will be seen that it costs between 11 and 12 dollars each to clothe and board them, throughout the year. Auburn pays Chester $1,03½ per week for board and making clothes for each of her paupers.

EXPENSES OF THE POOR OFF THE TOWN FARM.

William Greenough's Bill.

1849, April 17,	28 lbs. Flour,	1,00	
	1 gall Molasses,	,28	
	10 lbs. Pork,	1,25	
	4 " Rice,	,20	
	2 lbs. Butter,	,36	
	40 Crackers,	,17	
May 4,	28 lbs. Flour,	1,00	
	D'ld Ephraim Hall, per Order of H. F. Chase,	4,26	

Jacob P. Whittemore's Bill.

1849, March 15,	Visit and Medicine to E. Hall,	,50	
16,	" " "	,50	
17,	" " "	,50	
18,	" " "	,50	
19,	" " "	,50	
20,	" " "	,50	
21,	" " "	,50	
22,	" " "	,50	
23,	" " "	,50	
24,	" " "	,50	
25,	" " "	,50	
27,	" " "	,50	
			$6,00

Per Order of A. S. Dearborn.

Jacob Chase's Bill.

1850, Jan.	9 feet wood (for Mrs. Blaisdell,) per order of H. F. Chase,		$3,37

John Hall's Bill.

1849, March	Boarding Henry Farewell 6 days,	2,00	
	1 Shirt for do, order of A. S Dearborn,	,50	
			$2,50

Thomas J. Melvin's Bill.

1849, March 3,	1 pair Over Alls for R. Forsaith per order of H. F. Chase,		,50

Alfred S. Dearborn's Bill.

1849, April 7,	Biscuit and Cough Drops for Mrs. Rice,		,31

Jonathan Dearborn's Bill.

	Boarding Sherburne Dearborn, from 17th of Jan 1849, to March 12th, 1850,		$28,76

Alfred S. Dearborn's Bill.

1849, Dec. 30,	60 Biscuit,	,25	
	2 lbs Sugar,	,16	
1850, Jan. 1,	1 Cord Wood,	2,00	
5,	5½ lbs Fish,	,22	
	2 Butter,	,34	
10,	½ lb Y. H. Tea,	,25	
	¼ lb Tobacco,	,06	
16,	30 lb Flour,	1,00	
	3 feet Wood, (Pine and Hemlock,)	,75	
Feb.	½ Cord Hard Wood,	1,50	

	½ " Hemlock, Oak and Pine,	1,00	
	8 ¼ lb Tea,	,13	
	1 quart Molasses, (Del. J. Carr,)	,08	
		——	$7,74
	John S. Emery's Bill.		
1849, March 2,	Repairing shoes for R. Forsaith,		,67
	Town of Hooksett's Bill.		
1850, Feb. 15,	Boarding John Mills 5 days,		2,00
	Town of Loudon's Bill.		
1847, Feb. 17,	28 lbs Flour,	1,00	
	2 quarts Molasses,	,15	
1849, Feb. 17,	6 feet Hard Wood,	1,50	
20,	1 Pair Shoes,	1,17	
Jan. 30,	27 lbs Flour,	1,00	
	2 qts. Molasses,	,15	
31,	½ lb Sou. Tea,	,17	
	5½ Pork,	,56	
	½ lb Salæratus,	,04	
	5¼ lb Halibut,	,16	
Feb. 10,	20 lbs Flour,	,75	
	9½ lbs Fish,	38	
	¼ lb Tea,	,09	
20,	3¼ lbs Butter,	,59	
27,	13½ lbs Flour,	,50	
	2 qts. Molasses,	,15	
March 6,	26 lbs Flour,	1,00	
	3 lbs Butter,	,50	
	Goods per order,	1,50	
May 12,	Goods per order,	12,50	
		——	23,86
	John Fellows' Bill.		
1849, Jan. 25.	To visit and medicine for T. Blaisdell,	,75	
28.	" " "	,75	
31.	" Medicine,	,25	
Feb. 10.	" " "	,25	
28.	" " "	,25	
April 13.	" Visit and Med. (Mrs. Blaisdell,)	,75	
15.	" " "	,75	
16.	" " "	,75	
19.	" " "	,75	
		——	$5,25
		$85,22	

NEW ROAD NEAR WALTER BASFORD'S.

	Heman Basford's Bill.	
1849, June.	8 1-2 Days work on said road,	7,08
	William S. True's Bill.	
1849, June.	2 1-2 days work on said road,	2,08
	Nathan Basford's Bill.	
1849, June.	8 1-2 days work,	7,08
	Hazen W. French's Bill.	
1849, June.	8 days work,	6,67

David C. French's Bill.

1849, June.	8 1-2 days work,	7,08	
	13 1-2 " " by Oxen,	11,25	
	Use of Plow,	2,00	
	" Cart,	,75	$21,08

Benaiah Spofford's Bill.

1849, June.	6 days work,	5,00	
	5 " " by Oxen,	4,17	
	3 1-2 " Cart,	,87	$10,04

James Marden's Bill.

1849, June.	7 days work,	5,83	

John Seavy's Bill.

1849, June,	8½ days work,	7,08	

Ebenezer Marden's Jr.'s Bill.

1849, June,	8½ days work,	7,08	
	7½ " by Oxen,	6,25	
	Use of Cart,	,75	
			$14,08

George Marden's Bill.

1849, June,	8½ days work,	7,08	
	8 " by oxen,	6,67	
	Use of Cart,	1,00	
	" " Scraper,	1,00	
			$15,75

Charles Stevens' Bill.

1849, June,	1 days work,	,83	

Thomas J. Melvin's Bill.

1849, June,	12 lbs Powder,	2,40	

John Moore's Bill,

1849, June,	Fixing Drills and Hammer,	1,89	

Thomas F. Reynold's Bill.

1849, June,	8½ day's work,	8,50	
	Paid Walter Basford 8 dinners,	1,00	
			$9,50
			$111,39

AWARD TO LAND HOLDERS.

Walter Basford's Bill.

1849, June 5,	For award for land taken for new Road,	90,00	

Amos Stevens' Bill.

1849, June 5,	For award for land taken for new road,	5,00	

John & True T. Locke's Bill.

1850, Feb. 20,	Paid for land taken for new highway in 1847, agreeably to vote of the town,	217,57	

John B. Rand's Bill.

1850, Feb. 16,	Paid J. B. Rand's bill of costs as agreed to on the part of the town agent, on condition that said Rand will not put the town to any further expense in laying out new road from his house.	26,30	
			$338,87

IMPROVEMENT ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Amos Stevens' Bill.

1849, Jan. 5,	332 feet Chestnut Plank,	2,65	
	4 Stringers,	,67	
		——	$3,32

David C. French's Bill.

1849, June 10,	1 Stone for Culvert in Dis. 5,	——	,75

Osgood True's Bill.

1849,	4 Stringers,	2,00	
	95 feet Plank,	2,85	
		——	$4,85

Moses Webster's Bill.

1849, June,	Powder and use of Drills in Dis. 7,	——	,17

Dudley C. Swain's Bill.

1849, June 11,	1 day blasting Stone, in Dis. 7,	——	1,00

William Hazelton's Bill.

1849, Aug. 25,	60 feet oak Plank,	2,40	
	15 " pine "	,30	
	Self and oxen, repairing bridge, Dis. 17,	,50	
		——	$3,20

William S. True's Bill.

1850, Feb. 15,	Railing two bridges in Dis. 8,	——	5,60

Lewis Kimball's Bill.

1849, Nov. 15,	38 feet Plank, Dis. 17,	——	,76

Moses Hall's Bill.

1849, Aug. 8,	4 Stringers, in Dis. 7,	1,50	
Sept. 10,	4 " " " "	2,00	
		——	$3,50

John Robinson's Bill.

1848, Aug.	53 feet plank,	,53	
Sept. 4 and 5,	2 days repairing Road,	1,50	
	Oxen, Dis. 3,	,38	
		——	$2,41

David C. French's Bill.

1849, June,	28 feet Plank,	,28	
	1 day repairing bridge near R. Sanborn's,	,83	
	Oxen 1 day,	,83	
		——	$1,94

Hazen W. French's Bill.

1849, Nov. 22,	1 day on bridge near Rufus Sanborn's,	——	,83

David C. French's Bill.

1849, July 6,	1 day on road near Eben Sanborn's	,83	
	Oxen 1 day " " "	,83	
		——	$1,66

Hazen W. French's Bill.

1849 July,	6, 1 day on road near Eben'r Sanborn's,	——	,83

John Scavy's Bill.

1849 July,	6, 1 day on road near Eben'r Sanborn's,	——	,83

Thomas F. Raynold's Bill.

1849 July,	6, 1 day on road near E. Sanborn's,	1,00	
	Expenses on said day,	,13	
Nov. 22,	1 day's work on bridge near R. Sanborns,	1,00	
	32 feet Bridge Plank,	,32	
		——	$2,45

Joseph L. P. Colby's Bill.

1849	Repairing Bridge in Dis. 11,	——	$1,75

Alfred S. Dearborn's Bill.

1848 Dec. 4,	Horse and wagon to carry road Commissioners,		—	$1,00

John Moore's Bill.

1848 Dec. 12,	2½ days with road Commissioners,	2,50		
	Horse and wagon 2 days,	3,00		
	Expenses for same,	,75		
		$6,25		
			—	$43,10

NON-RESIDENT TAXES WORKED OUT.

1849	Dis. No. 1, John W. Noyes' bill for working taxes,	,50		
	" " 2, David Shaw's bill for working taxes,	1,24		
	" " 4, George Everett's " " "	,90		
	" " 6, Amos Morse's " " "	2,95		
	" " 7, Moses Hall's " " "	3,70		
	" " 10, Warren Wilber's " " "	1,66		
	" " 14, Noah Weeks' " " "	,58		
	" " 18, Daniel Sanborn's " " "	1,65		
	On A. S. Dearborn's list for 1847, 48 & 49,	25,11		
				$38,29

BOUNTY TO SOLDIERS.

1849,	Paid 66 Soldiers,	66,00		
1848,	" 12 "	12,00		
				$78,00

RATIONS TO SOLDIERS.

1849,	Paid 89 Soldiers Rations,		—	$44,50

POST GUIDES.

William S. True's Bill.

1847,	1 Guide Post,		—	,50

Walter Basford's Bill.

1849, Nov. 16,	1 Guide Post,		—	,63

Thomas F. Rafinold's Bill.

1849, June, 26,	1 Guide Post and setting,		—	,58

George J. Chase's Bill.

1049, Nov.	Painting 4 Guide Boards, 6 direc. a 75 cts.	3,00		
1850, Feb. 16,	" 2 " " 2 " 50 "	1,00		
	1 Guide Post,	,50		
			—	$4,50

Henry F. Chase's Bill.

1849, Oct. 7,	64 feet W. O. Timber for guide posts,	,75		
	fitting and setting up the same,	,50		
	" " " 1 post in 1848	,50		
		$1,75		
			—	$7,96

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

	Paid John Atwood State tax,	211,80		

	" James H. Butler County tax,	352,92	
			$564,72

TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES.

Silas F. Learnard's Bill.

1849, Aug.	6 days copying taxes,	—	$6,00

STATIONERY.

Thomas F. Raynold's Bill.

2849, May, 15,	Paid J. & S. Blake for Paper,	—	,12

Henry F. Chase's Bill.

1849, Apr. 2,	Paid for Bottle Red Ink,	—	,13

James O. Adams' Bill.

1849, March, 17,	3 quires Surveyor's Warrants,	—	$1,50

Fisk & Moore's Bill.

1849, March, 19,	1 Small Blank Book,	—	,25

Smith, Hall and Clark's Bill.

1849, Sept. 22,	Printing 4 quires Blanks for T. Treasurer,		2,00

Silas F. Learnard's Bill.

1849, May 1,	Paid for 1 Blank Book,		,87

William Greenough's Bill.

1849, March 17,	4 Quires Paper,	,67	
	2 doz Steel Pens,	,20	
		—	,87

John W. Noyes' Bill.

1849, Mar. 17,	1 Invoice Book,	,50	
Apr. 7,	1 Box Wafers,	,06	
June 13,	2 quires Letter Paper,	,40	
Dec. 6,	1 Bottle Ink,	,06	
		$1,02	
			$6,76

HALL FOR TOWN MEETING.

Abel G. Quigg's Bill.

1849,	Use of Hall for Town Meeting,		$15,00

POSTAGE.

Abel G. Quigg's Bill.

1850, Feb. 16,	Postage to date,		$1,46

HEARSE HOUSE AND BIER CLOTH.

John Menard's Bill.

1849, Oct. 21,	Painting Hearse House, 2¾ days,	3,44	
1850, Jan. 16,	Making box for Bier Cloth,	1,12	
		—	$4,56

Sarah R. Porter's Bill.

1850, Jan. 12,	Making Bier Cloth,		$2,00

John W. Noyes' Bill.

1849, Oct. 18,	50 lbs prime Ground Lead,	3,75	
	3¼ Gallons L. Oil,	2,99	
	1 pint Spirits Terpentine,	,09	
	1 paper Lamp Black,	,08	
Dec 22,	Cash paid for 2¾ yds Blk. Cloth,	6,19	

	" " " 8¾ " " Fringe	3,50	
	" " " 6 black worsted Tassels.	2,00	
1850, Jan. 12,	1 pair Brass Butts, and 1 doz. Screws,	,15	
	1⅛ Yd. Black Cambric,	,11	
			$18,86
			$25,42

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Freese Dearborn's Bill.

1849, June 13,	Sealing Weights and Measures, Town Standard,	$1,26

SCHOOL MONEY.

1849,	Paid District No. 1,	125,75	
	" " " 2,	61,54	
	" " " 3,	81,80	
	" " " 4,	34,27	
	" " " 5,	24,02	
	" " " 6,	36,78	
	" " " 7,	42,06	
	" " " 8,	47,69	
	" " " 9,	20,72	
	" " " 10,	21,51	
	" " " 11,	26,33	
			$522,47

COLLECTOR'S SERVICES.

Alfred S. Dearborn's Bill.

1850,	Collecting 2,090,68	31,36	
	" 85,95 School House tax,	1,28	
			$32,64

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SERVICES.

Horace Eaton's Bill.

1849–50,	20 visits to examine Schools,	$10,00

SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

James Locke, and R. W. Moore's Bill.

1849,	School House tax in Dist No. 6,	$85,95

TOWN ACCOUNTS.

James O. Adams' Bill.

1849, March 1,	Printing 300 Copies Town Reports, for the years 1848-9,	$13,00

SMALL POX SICKNESS.

Thomas F. Raynolds' Bill.

1849, Dec. 19,	½ day attending Small Pox sickness,	,50	
21,	½ " " " " "	,50	
			$1,00

Doct. Jonathan Dearborn's Bill.

1849, Nov. 25,	Consultation in cases of small pox,	$3,00

James T. Kendall's Bill.

1849, Dec.	Boarding nurse while attending on persons sick with small pox,	5,50	
1850, Jan 8,	1 days work cleansing Shirley's house,	1,00	
11,	1 " " " H. Hall's "	1,00	
			$7,50

John Cunningham's Bill.

1849, Nov.	5 days nursing in N. R. West's family,	$10,00

David Shaw Jr's Bill.

1849, Dec. 8,	7½ days nursing in N. R. West's family,	$15,00

Lydia Woodward's Bill.

1849, Dec. 11,	12½ days nursing in N. R. West's family.	$21,87

Josiah D. Morse's Bill.

1849, Dec.	33 days nursing sundry persons, while sick with small pox,	$82,50

Jacob P. Whittemore's Bill.

1849, Nov. 25,	Visit and Medicine for N. R. West's family,	1,00	
26,	" " " " 4 Chil.	2,00	
27,	" " " " 3 "	2,50	
28,	" " " " "	2,50	
29,	" " " " 4 "	3,00	
30,	" " " " "	3,00	
Dec. 1,	" " " " "	3,00	
2,	" " " " "	3,00	
3,	" " " " "	3,00	
4,	" " " " "	3,00	
5,	" " " " "	3,00	
6,	" " " " "	3,00	
7,	" " " " "	3,00	
8,	" " " " "	3,00	
9,	" " " " "	3,00	
10,	" " " " "	3,00	
11,	" " " " "	3,00	
12,	" " " " "	3,00	
13,	" " " " "	3,00	
14,	Medicine sent children and Liniment,	1,00	
			$54,00

Alfred S. Dearborn's Bill.

1849-50, Nov. 25th, to Jan 6,	carying necessaries, and waiting on divers folks while sick with small pox,	$35,00
		$229,87

REMITTANCE OF TAXES.

1849,	Osgood Richards over taxed,	2,82
	Amos Haselton " "	1,07
	Lewis Kimball " "	,53
	Edwin Haselton " "	,53
	John Hall horse died,	,26
	John Rand's Poll Tax for 1848,	2,18
	On A. S. Dearborn's list for 1847.	
	Joseph Mills Poll Tax paid in Mass,	1,78
	Peter Abbot unable to pay,	1,78
	John W. Haselton,	1,78
	John Moor unable to pay,	1,78
	Richard F. Carter,	1,78

1848,	Ephraim Hall unable to pay,	2,18	
	John Moor, " " "	2,18	
1849,	Jesse Hills,	1,60	
			$22,25

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Abel G. Quigg's Bill.

1849, Nov. 23,	3 dinners for Selectmen,	,75	
25,	3 " " " and horse bating,	1,00	
1850, Jan. 19,	3 " " "	,75	
Feb. 16,	2 " " " and horse bating,	,75	
			$3,25

Henry F. Chase's Bill.

1848, Oct.	paid expenses when perambulating Chester and Derry line,	3,50	
1049, Eeb. 27,	Cash paid recording Deed, Berry to Chester,	,34	
Feb. 28,	Stage fare to Manchester and back, to get reports printed,	1,25	
	Paid expenses while at Manchester,	1,50	
April,	10 meals victuals for T. F. Reynolds while making taxes,	1,67	
June 13,	Expenses at Exeter while getting standard sealed,	1,50	
1850, Jan 10,	Exp. at Exeter on case Chester vs Candia,	,75	
Feb. 19,	Expenses at Exeter, County pauper case,	1,00	
			$11,51

Jacob Chase's Bill.

1849, Jan. 11,	Horse and Carriage to Exeter,	1,62	
1850, Jan. 10,	" " " " "	1,62	
			$3,24

Thomas F. Reynolds' Bill.

1849, Apr. 13,	Expenses while taking invoice,	,25	
Sept. 19,	" at Raymond to pay Soldiers,	,25	
Feb, 15,	" " Hooksett to get J. Mills,	,38	
22,	" " Candia to examine records,	,25	
			$1,13

Alfred S. Dearborn's Bill.

1849, May 12,	Expenses at Loudon,	1,50	
	Horse and Wagon to Loudon,	1,50	
Sept. 19,	Expenses at Raymond to pay Soldiers,	,50	
Feb.	3 dinners for Selectmen,	,75	
	Horse and Wagon to W. Basford's,	,30	
June 18,	" " " " J. S. Couch's	,40	
30,	" " " " E. Sanborn's and Raymond,	,50	
July 18,	" " " " Windham,	1,50	
Aug. 2,	" " " " Candia,	,80	
Sept. 17,	" " " " Raymond,	,80	
	" " " " Walnut-hill,	,40	
1850. Feb. 14,	" " " " Derry,	,50	
15,	" " " " Hooksett,	1,40	
22,	" " " " Candia,	,80	
			$11,90
			$21,03

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

Henry F. Chase's Bill.

1849, Feb. 27, and 28,	2 days	at Manchester to get reports printed,	2,00
		Time spent in examiniug records about John Griffin, Fifield family and others,	10,00
March 17,	½ day	at A. S. Dearborn's to organize,	,50
21,	1 "	preparing Invoice Book,	1,00
24,	½ "	to hire Superintendant of Alms House,	,50
Apr. 2,	1 "	taking invoice,	1,00
18,	½ "	Copying invoice,	,50
19 and 20,	2 "	" " "	2,00
21,	1 "	Footing "	1,00
25,	1 "	making Highway Taxes,	1,00
26 and 27,	2 "	" Surveyors Warrants,	2,00
May 4 and 5,	2 "	" Taxes,	2,00
16,	½ "	on pauper case (Fifield's,)	,50
23,	1 "	Making Nonresident tax book and warrants,	1,00
24,	1 "	Copying Taxes for Collector,	1,00
30,	1 "	" " " " and warrants,	1,00
June 4,	½ "	Examining records on pauper case,	,50
5,	½ "	Settling with land holders on new road,	,50
12 and 13,	2 "	Exeter to get town standard sealed,	2,00
14,	½ "	On New Road near Basford's,	,50
18,	1 "	Taking Affidavit and writing letters,	1,00
26,	½ "	Examining records on pauper case,	,50
30,	½ "	" Road and Bridges,	,50
Aug. 10,	½ "	to Candia on pauper case,	,50
11,	½ "	Examining Bridges,	,50
18,	½ "	Writing notices and at Alms House,	,50
Sept. 7,	1 "	Settling with Kingston and J. Gross'	1,00
Nov. 16,	½ "	Examining roads on petition,	,20
26,	1 "	Candia case and small pox sickness,	1,00
27,	1 "	on small pox sickness to hire nurses,	1,00
Dec. 25,	1 "	Settling bills at Quigg's,	1,00
		Paid for Lock for Town Trunk,	,13
29,	½ "	revising Jury Box,	,50
1850, Jan. 10,	1 "	at Exeter, Chester vs Candia,	1,00
19.	1 "	Settling bills at Quigg's,	1,00
Feb. 9,	1 "	Tak. J. Little's affi. and settling with Auburn,	1,00
14,	1 "	on pauper case, (John Mills,)	1,00
16,	1 "	Settling bills at Quigg's,	1,00
18 and 19,	2 "	at Exeter on county pauper case,	2,00
20,	1 "	" A. S. Dearborn's settling bills,	1,00
21,		Writing 4 warrants and 2 check lists,	1,00
25, and 26,		2 days preparing Manu. for print,	2,00
March 2,		1 day with Auditors and Expenses,	1,25
			——$51,38

Alfred S. Dearborn's Bill

1849, March,	17, ½ day	to organize & other business,	,50
	23 & 23,	attending to Mr. Farewell &c.,	1,00
	24, ½ day	to hire Superintendant,	,50
April, 2,3,4,,6&7,	5 "	taking Invoice.	5,00

	9 ,10, & 11,	3 " " "	3,00	
		Expenses,	,25	
		part of day at Manchester and expenses,	1,00	
	May,	12, 1 day at Loudon to settle T. Blaisdel bill	1,00	
	June,	5, ½ " settling with Basford & A. Stevens,	,50	
		18, ½ " on pauper case,	,50	
		½ " " E. Davis' case,	,50	
	July,	18, going to Windham after S. Whorf,	1,00	
	Aug.	7, ½ day to Candia on pauper case,	,50	
		10, ½ " examining Bridges in Dis. 8,	,50	
	Sept.	7, 1 " settling with Kingston & J. Gross,	1,00	
		19, 1 " to Raymond to pay Soldiers rations,	1,00	
		20, ½ " " D. C. Swain's to buy wood,	,50	
	Nov.	17, 1 " examining road rout and to South Woods,	1,00	
		½ " to measure wood in South Woods,	,50	
		26, 1 " with Candia Selectmen and on small pox sickness,	1,00	
	Dec.	25, 1 " settling bills at Quigg's	1,00	
		29, ½ " revising Jury Box,	,50	
1850	Jan.	19, 1 " settling bills at Quigg's,	1,00	
	Feb.	10, conveying pauper to Alms-house,	,50	
		14, ½ day at Derry on pauper case,	,50	
		16, 1 " settling bills at Quigg's,	1,00	
		20, 1 " settling with Superintendant and others,	1,00	
	March,	2, 1 " with Auditors and expenses,	1,25	
			——	$27,50

Thomas F. Raynold's Bill.

1849	March,	17, ½ day organizing & on Town business,	,50	
		24, ½ " to hire Superintendant of A. house,	,50	
	Apr. 2,3,4, 6& 7,	5 " taking Invoice,	5,00	
	9, 10 & 11,	3 " " "	3,00	
		18, ½ " copying "	,50	
		20, ½ " on Town business,	,50	
		21, 1 " footing Invoice,	1,00	
	26, 27 & 28,	3 " making taxes,	3,00	
		29, 1 " delivering Surveyor's warrants,	1,00	
	May, 4 & 5,	2 " making taxes,	2,00	
		16, ½ " on Fifield case, (Kingston)	,50	
	June,	5, ½ " settling with W. Basford and A. Stevens,	,50	
		8, 1 " to hire hands on new road,	1,00	
		30, ½ " examining road near E. Sanborn's	,50	
	Aug.	18, ½ " to " wood lot near D. C. Swains,	,50	
	Sept.	19, 1 " " Raymond to pay Soldiers,	1,00	
		20, ½ " " buy wood for Alms-house,	,50	
	Nov.	17, 1 " examining road routs on pet.,	1,00	
		26, 1 " with Candia Selectmen on pau. case,	1,00	
	Dec.	25, 1 " settling bills at Quigg's	1,00	
		29, ½ " revising Jury box,	,50	
	Jan.	19, 1 " settling bills at Quigg's,	1,00	
	Feb.	15, 1 " to Hooksett to get John Mills,	1,00	
		16, 1 " settling bills at Quigg's,	1,00	
		20, 1 " settling bills,	1,00	

22, 1 "	at Candia to examine records on pauper case,,	1,00	
March, 2, 1 "	with Auditors and expenses,	1,25	
		——	$31,25
			$110,13

AUDITORS SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1850 March, 2, J. W. Noyes, D. Sanborn and J. White, —— $3,75

DR. TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN TREASURER.

Net expenses of the town farm establishment	134,52	
Expenses of the poor off the town farm,	85,22	
New road near Walter Basford's,	111,39	
Award to land holders,	338,87	
Improvement on highways and bridges,	43,10	
Non-resident taxes worked out,	38,29	
Bounty to Soldiers,	78,00	
Rations to Soldiers,	44,50	
Post guides,	7,96	
State and County taxes,	564,72	
Town Clerk's services,	6,00	
Stationary,	6,76	
Hall for town meeting,	15,00	
Postage,	1,46	
Hearse house and bier cloth,	25,42	
Weights and measures,	1,26	
School money,	522,47	
Collector's services,	32,64	
School Committee's services,	10,00	
School house tax,	85,95	
Town accounts,	13,00	
Small pox sickness,	229,87	
Remittance of taxes,	22,25	
Selectmen's expenses,	31,03	
Selectmen's services,	110.13	
Auditor's services and expenses,	3,75	
Cash paid for expenses of E. Davis' sickness, a Candia pauper, which amt. is now due from the town of Candia,	115,18	
		$2678,74
Balance in the hands of the Town Treasurer,	9396,84	——
		——$3618,58

CR. TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN TREASURER.

1849, March,	Cash recd. of last year's Treasurer,	1346,79	
" " "	John Hazelton,	10,00	
" " "	State literary fund,	44,16	
Amount of taxes assessed for 1849,		2178,63	
Interest on J. S. Couch's note.		9,00	
Interest recd. of A. S. Dearborn for use of money in his hands as Treasurer,		30,00	
			——$3618,58

STATEMENT.

THE TOWN OF CHESTER OWES THE FOLLOWING NOTES.

Note to Joanna Crawford dated May, 27 1848, for	$1000,00	$1107,70
" " Joanna Crawford dated Sept. 2 1848, for	500,00	545,90
" " John Currier dated Oct. 23 1848, for	1108,00	1185,00
" " Amos Stevens dated Jan. 20, 1848, for	100,00	112,65
" " J. & T. T. Lock dated Feb. 20 1850, for	100,00	100,00
" " Walter Basford dated June, 5 1849, for	90,00	94,00
		$3145,25

There is a balance of surplus revenue in the hands of the Town Treasurer consisting of two notes against John Haselton amounting to $314,04, March, 2 1850, 314,04

Also a note against William Haselton and others, on which there is due March, 2 1850, 120,77

There is due from the town of Candia for the expenses of Ephram Davis' sickness, 115,18

Balance in the hands of Town Treasurer, 939,84

$1489,83

The town owes more than is due the town, $1655,42

CHESTER, MARCH 2, 1850.

We the undersigned have this day examined the foregoing account of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast with proper vouchers for the several charges.

JOHN W. NOYES,
DANIEL SANBORN, } Auditors.
JOHN WHITE,

NOTE—On page 9th, 5th line from bottom, read *reckoning* for "receiving."

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee, of the Town of Chester for the Year ending March 1850, *beg leave to Report.*

Your Committee are required by law at this Annual Meeting of the town to make a Report of the condition and progress of the public schools, during the year then ending. To do this with correctness and discrimination is a task of no little difficulty. In the first place we must judge of the whole of a long school from the examination of three or four hours taken from its commencement and close. This is somewhat

like determining the quality of a barrel of flour from a cupful taken from each end. These specimens may be superfine although the interior be filled with lime. If we had something like the flour inspectors gauge to pass through the entire session of a school and bring to us a sample of each day we might reach more satisfactory conclusions. In the second place it is difficult when visiting the schools at their ending to retain in the mind so vivid an impression of their aspect at their beginning as to be able to decide with exactness what apparent progress has been made. This difficulty is sometimes increased from the fact that the progress has been very small. No eye can fail to observe the movement of the second hand of a clock, but it requires a remarkably keen eye to detect the advance of the hour hand. From these reasons your committee's estimate of a teacher and school, may be different from that of the district, and perhaps less just.

Four of the schools taught in town the past year were visited only at the commencement. One of them ended unexpectedly on account of difficulties that occurred. Another closed before the completion of the term on account of the prevalence of a contagious disease in the neighborhood. The two other schools were left unvisited from an apprehension on the part of some that the committee might communicate the disease alluded to above. A detailed account of each of the other schools which were examined according to law, would, we think, be more tedious than profitable. The lady who taught the school in District No. 1, exhibited great patience, industry and tact in winning the affections and in awakening the interest of the scholars in their studies, but failed we think in maintaining the good order which is desirable. The gentleman who taught the winter school in this district with qualities which eminently fit him for success with scholars who are disposed of themselves to do right, had hardly sufficient sternness for this situation. There is needed in this school an instructor with great decision, who will treat young ladies and gentlemen like small girls and boys, if they persist in behaving like them. The Summer School in District No. 2, was well taught. The Winter School was short and interrupted, but appeared well at its close. In District No. 3, the Summer and Winter Schools were taught by the same instructor. She possessed unusual energy and the School at the close of the Summer Term appeared remarkably well. There were certain deficiencies in the inspection however which we regretted to perceive. There was perhaps a lack of discretion on the part of this teacher. Some members of the district, it was understood, were not pleased with her. To this circumstance it may have been owing that her Winter Term was not a pleasant one. The School appeared at the close noisy and irregular although there was evi-

dence of advance on the part of the schoolars in their studies.

There was only one public school in District No. 4 during the last year. It was, we believe, the first school ever taught by the lady who instructed it, and was by no means a failure. Miss Hook, in District No. 6, succeeded well. Miss Wilbur, in District No. 8, gave, we believe, good satisfaction. Miss Williams taught in District No. 10 with her usual fidelity and success. Miss Hills, in District No. 9, did well, and we regret that her second school was not equally prosperous.

The school on Walnut Hill, in the judgement of your Committee, was far superior to any other in town. The hours which we spent in its closing examination were very pleasant ones, and we gained a higher conception of what our Common Schools might and ought to be. We were fully convinced that the teacher, Mr. Haselton, labored very hard and very wisely.

There has been no particular improvement in the school-houses during the last year. The change, therefore must have been the wrong way, for it is as true of bad school-houses if left to themselves, as it is of evil men, that they 'wax worse and worse.'

Your Committee need not dwell upon the great importance of our public schools. Their prosperity and the well-being of the community are most intimately connected. This is acknowledged by all. We might do much to increase the efficiency of our schools by evincing a deeper interest in them.—Great care should be taken in the selection of teachers, but when once engaged every thing should be done to make their labors pleasant and profitable. There should be a readiness to overlook trifling faults and to afford support in the maintenance of discipline. Let the attendance of the scholars, so far as possible, be regular and uniformly in season. Due attention to these points would soon put a new face upon our schools. To these remarks we subjoin the following statistics :

Whole number of School Districts in Town,	11
" " Scholars in Winter,	270
" " " Summer,	283
Average attendance in Winter,	205
" " Summer,	224

Eight Schools were taught in Winter, average length 9 1-4 weeks. Nine Schools were taught in summer, average length 10 1-2 weeks.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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